

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An injector for delivering a foldable IOL into an eye, comprising:

an injector body having a tip comprising a first-compression segment, a second segment and a third-an insertion segment, the third-insertion segment extending from the compression segment to an open end of the injector body, the open end being adapted to permit the IOL to exit the injector into the eye,

the insertion segment having a length selected to permit inserting of substantially the entire insertion segment into the eye while delivering the IOL into a capsular bag of the eye;

the compression segment having a first outer diameter at a location where the compression segment is attached to the insertion segment;

the insertion segment having at least one slot extending through a portion that extends from the open end through the second segment and the third segment, the third segment connected to the second segment at a transition point, the transition point characterized by a discrete change in taper said portion comprising a length extending from the open end, the portion having a constant outer diameter along the length, the constant outer diameter being smaller than the first outer diameter.

14. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 23+3, wherein the constant outer diameter is about 2.0 to 2.5mm.

15. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 13, wherein the open end has a slanted face.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 13+46, wherein the at least one slot comprises at least two slots.

19. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 1846, further comprising a lumen extending through the tip, and two lumen grooves extending along the lumen, each of the slots colinearly extending from a corresponding one of the lumen grooves.

20. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 19, further comprising a compressor drawer extending from a loading bay of the injector body, the drawer movable between an open position and a closed position.

21. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 20, wherein the compressor drawer comprises a drawer groove.

22. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 21, wherein the drawer groove is aligned with one of the lumen grooves.

23. (New) The injector of claim 13, wherein the third segment has a constant outer diameter.

24. (New) A method of injecting a foldable IOL into an eye, comprising:
providing an injector body having a tip comprising (i) a first segment, (ii) a second segment, the second segment extending to an open end of the injector body, the open end being adapted to permit the IOL to exit the injector into the eye, and (iii) at least one slot extending from the open end through the first segment and the second segment, the second segment connected to the first segment at a transition point, the transition point characterized by a discrete change in taper;
inserting the tip into an eye up to the transition point; and
delivering the IOL into the eye while maintaining the tip in the eye up to the transition point.